



**1180th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
7:30PM Wednesday August 27, 2014
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California**

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1179th meeting, July 23, 2014

Herb Miles presented his program, **Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the March of Dimes.**

FDR contracted polio at the age of 39. Polio first came to the attention of America in 1916 with an outbreak in New York. 27,000 were infected with 6,000 deaths. FDR contacted the disease in 1921 and dedicated his wealth to finding a cure.

He bought the Warm Springs Spa in 1924 when he found relief bathing in its waters. He started the Warm Springs Foundation for Polio both to help others stricken with the disease and to support efforts to find a cure. He held an annual fund raising event for his Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In 1939, he asked Americans to help, even if they could only contribute a dime. Within two weeks, 6 million dimes were received and Eddie Cantor coined the term, March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes became one of the most successful foundations having found a vaccine for polio and then moving on to other challenges. Identification of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and development of the APGAR test for newborns are two other successes.

Exhibits:

Bill shared a Roosevelt Dime set in an old Capital Plastics holder.

Ed shared several lighthouse themed pieces including a silver proof 5 Pound Millenium Lighthouse coin from Alderney, a looped San Nicolas medal from 1928, a large Portuguese medal with a lighthouse, and an elongated penny with a lighthouse.

Mary shared two Antiochus hierax from 276 – 227 B.C., one overstruck Philip I, and one Barbaric “Antiochus” drachm from Asia Minor ca. late 3rd or 2nd century.

Dan shared a 1903 Jefferson gold commemorative dollar and a silver 1916 California agricultural award medal.

Drawing:

Audrey won a Maria Theresa silver thaler, a 1946 Roosevelt dime, and a bag of wooden nickels.

Ed won a 1942 Mercury dime and 4 colored postcards of the 1906 earthquake and fire.

Mary won some Longacre Journals.

A Few September White Elephant Auction Items:



1894 California Midwinter Expo Mexico Silver Souvenir



1899 Odd Fellows Golden Jubilee Souvenir, San Francisco

2014 meeting Schedule:

September 24, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

October 22, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

November 26, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

December 17, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

Note the change to the third Wednesday in December to avoid a conflict with the holidays.

September White Elephant Sale:

Planning has been simplified--

1. There will be a White Elephant Sale in September.
2. The President will appoint an auctioneer when the time comes.
3. Sale items will be brought directly to the sale rather than given or sent to someone else. Unsold items will be returned to the donors or not as the case may be. A table will be available to display the lots.
4. There will be no minimum bids, no auction catalogs, no flyers.
5. Advertising: a simple reminder in the Bulletin each month will do. Any presentations to other clubs will be done on an ad hoc basis by members who wish to help.

Numismatists, collectors and historians, the **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society** is holding a "White Elephant" fund-raising sale with a selection of fair badges, spoons, souvenirs and books including a first edition of the well-known and encyclopedic *The Story of The Exposition* by Frank Morton Todd from the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Remember 2015 is the 100th anniversary of both the PPIE and PCNS. In 2015 everyone should look forward to a strong interest in fair memorabilia.

Other items are an 1894 Midwinter Fair spoon and large medals for the anniversaries of California Gold Discovery and the Golden Gate Bridge, old mint-related medals and a sack of S.F. Hotel key tags! many with medalllic images of your favorite expensive hostelry.

American numismatica will showcase a 1909 VDB 1¢ (no mintmark) with considerable lustre, a 1923 large size Silver Certificate, a WWII Hawaii Silver Certificate, collections of Lincoln cents in varying grades including 1910S and 1913S specimens as well as buffalo and Jefferson nickels.

For foreign coin collectors there will be bags of mid-20th century minor coins from Africa, China, Europe, Philippines, South Asia and the South Pacific. Also to look for will be official coin sets from Australia, New Zealand and Singapore as well as a small batch of world banknotes from countries like New Zealand, Seychelles and French Polynesia. More items are expected as not all donations have arrived.

Proceeds go to support the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.



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